

**K.A.R. 9-18-10. General requirements for housing facilities.** (a) Construction. Each housing facility shall be designed and constructed as follows:

- (1) In a manner that is structurally sound; and
- (2) in a manner that protects animals from injury, contains the animals securely, and restricts other animals from entering.

(b) Housekeeping. Each licensee shall keep the premises where housing facilities and food storage are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required by K.A.R. 9-18-14 and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. The licensee shall keep the premises free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. The licensee shall control weeds, grasses, and bushes so as to facilitate cleaning of the premises and pest control and to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

(c) Surfaces.

(1) The surfaces of each housing facility, including any houses, dens, fixtures, and objects in the housing facility that are similar to furniture, shall be constructed and maintained in a manner and made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, or shall be removed or replaced when worn or soiled.

(2) All interior surfaces and any surfaces that come into contact with animals shall meet the following requirements:

- (A) Be free of rust; and
- (B) be free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals.
- (3) Each licensee shall maintain all surfaces on a regular basis, which shall include

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regular cleaning and sanitizing. Surfaces shall be replaced when the surfaces are worn or permanently soiled and can no longer be effectively cleaned and sanitized.

(4) The floors and walls of each indoor housing facility, and any other surfaces in contact with the animals, shall be impervious to moisture. The ceilings of each indoor housing facility shall be impervious to moisture or shall be replaceable.

(d) Water and electric power. Each indoor housing facility or sheltered housing facility shall have electric power. Each outdoor housing facility shall have lighting and electric power that allows for animal husbandry as required under the act. Each housing facility shall have access to adequate potable water for animal and facility needs.

(e) Storage. Each licensee shall store supplies of food and bedding in a manner that protects the supplies from spoilage, contamination, and vermin infestation. Food requiring refrigeration shall be stored accordingly. Each licensee shall keep all open supplies of food and bedding in leakproof containers with tightly fitted lids. Only food and bedding currently being used may be kept in the animal areas. The licensee shall not store any substance that is toxic to the animals in food storage and preparation areas. However, toxic substances that are required for normal husbandry practices may be stored in the animal areas if stored in a manner that prevents harmful exposure to animals.

(f) Drainage and waste disposal.

(1) Each licensee shall provide for the regular and frequent collection, removal, and disposal of animal and food wastes and other debris in a manner that minimizes contamination and disease risks.

(2) If present, disposal facilities and drainage systems shall be properly constructed,

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installed, and maintained in such a manner to avoid all foul odors and any backup of sewage.

(3) Each licensee shall ensure that any standing liquid in the animal enclosures is removed in an efficient manner so that the animals stay dry.

(4) Each licensee shall use trash containers for facility waste that are leakproof and shall keep tightly fitted lids on the containers at all times.

(g) Washing facilities. Washing facilities shall be provided for animal caretakers and shall be readily accessible. Washing facilities may include washrooms, basins, sinks, or showers.

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